

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 USC § 102(b)

Applicant respectfully submits that the 35 USC § 102(b) rejection has been overcome because Claims 17 and 18 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter


The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-12, and 14-16 are allowed.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this response places Applicant's application in condition for allowance, and therefore further and favorable action on this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

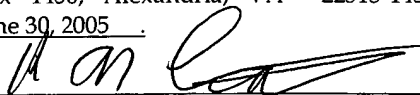
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